

RES13-043

Wilmington, Delaware
June 20, 2013

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Sponsor:

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WHEREAS, the Stockley Center ("Stockely") is an existing structure owned by the State of Delaware located on a 750 acre tract of land in Sussex County, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware currently operates only one alcohol and drug assessment, evaluation and detoxification facility in the state; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of Stockley into a drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation center to be operated by our State Department of Health and Social Services is an effort greatly needed to better serve the citizens of our state affected by substance abuse issues; and

WHEREAS, state workers trained in alcohol and drug treatment and prevention would provide direct oversight and administration to maximize success of the program; and

WHEREAS, the organization, staffing and operation shall be developed with the involvement of all private and public resources having specific knowledge and expertise in drug and alcohol treatment in order to enhance the likelihood that each citizen served will return to our communities and to their families to live a happier, healthier and more productive life; and

WHEREAS, state operated facilities of this kind should exist in all three counties of the state and include community network programs for the prevention and intervention of addictions as well as programs to address related and contributing issues such as smoking, alcohol, obesity, and other health/wellness issues; and

WHEREAS, community-based treatment and rehabilitation centers for non-violent drug offenders are in demand; and

WHEREAS, research has proven that court-ordered treatment and rehabilitation programs more effectively reduce criminal activity and are less costly when compared to incarceration given the recidivism rates of substance abusers; and

WHEREAS, such treatment and rehabilitation programs have not been implemented in Delaware despite the aforementioned findings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council urges our State Legislature and our Governor to hold public hearings throughout the state to discuss and understand the need and citizen support for drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation facilities throughout our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urges that the Stockley Center's vacant facilities be converted into a treatment and rehabilitation facility to service citizens in our state affected by substance abuse issues. The program should be administered by our State Department of Health and Social Services and operated by properly qualified professional state employees.

Passed by City Council,
June 20, 2013

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 19th
day of June, 2013.

Thomas P. Canney
Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution urges the State of Delaware to convert the existing facilities known as the Stockley Center in Sussex County, Delaware into a drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation center to serve the citizens of our state.